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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Submission (3) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/481,396
Filing Date	January 12, 2000
First Named Inventor	Koichiro TANAKA
Group Art Unit	2877
Examiner Name	A. Rodriguez
Attorney Docket Number	0756-2092

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. Under the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to  
consider filing a continued examination application (CEA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.62 (4) (PTO/SB/23) instead of a RCE as it is eligible for the patent term  
adjustments provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50202  
(Aug. 16, 2000) [Federal Rule of Pat. Proc. 1.655 (Oct. 20, 2000), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**
  - a. ☐ Previously submitted
    - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on  
(Only amended amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
    - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. ☒ Enclosed
    - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
    - ii. ☐ Affidavit/Declaration(s)
    - iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - iv. ☒ Petition to Withdrawal from Issue Under 37 CFR 1.312
2. **Miscellaneous**
  - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(e) for a period of  
\_\_\_\_\_ weeks. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f) required)
  - b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Fee** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
  - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-2280
    - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) - \$740.00
    - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii. ☒ Other Petition to Withdrawal from Issue Fee - \$130.00
  - b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$870.00 enclosed
  - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-309 is enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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As discussed during our telephone conference, please find attached a Petition to Withdrawal from Issue, Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Information Disclosure Statement.			
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